



Bikeville E-Newsletter

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Bikeville is the City of Greenville's bicycle friendly community initiative. The goal of Bikeville is to increase ridership, encourage bicycle use, expand bicycling facilities, and provide useful educational resources to cyclists and motorists.

The City of Greenville has been designated a Bronze "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists and is actively pursuing several bicycling and greenway trail projects.

Our E-Newsletter provides updates and information about our ongoing efforts to encourage bicycling and walking for recreation and transportation. You've received this e-newsletter because you've either signed up on the City's Website, requested information in the past regarding bicycling or greenway projects or signed-up at one of our recent events.

The City uses this format to provide periodic updates about various bicycle infrastructure and greenway projects and events. Expect to receive one monthly update, unless we have breaking news! We look forward to sharing a lot of exciting information with you as we work to make the City of Greenville a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community!

You may have noticed a slight format change, as the former "Bicycling & Greenways" E-newsletter has been renamed.

Community Workshop Tonight!
Bicycle Master Plan
Tuesday, November 16 - 5:30 p.m.

Hughes Main Library



COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Interested in a more bicycle-friendly Greenville?
You can make a difference – attend the City of Greenville's Bicycle Master Plan Community Workshop. Community input is vital to ensure all ideas are represented and the City of Greenville welcomes input from its residents. The City is committed to sustainable transportation practices. We encourage attendees to bike, walk, take transit, or carpool to this event if possible.

Tuesday, November 16 – 5:30 p.m.
Hughes Main Library
 25 Heritage Green Place in Downtown Greenville





Visit bikeville.org/masterplan for Bike Master Plan updates and general information.

This first community workshop is designed to introduce the project and give attendees an opportunity to provide input on bike facilities, bike routes, problem areas and popular destinations. The key to developing a comprehensive bicycle master plan is ensuring that a wide variety of citizens participates in the process. Our goal is to solicit input and ideas about bicycling from the entire community. Whether you are a cycling enthusiast, a recreational rider or a concerned motorist, we invite and encourage you to attend the workshops and be at the forefront of the planning process.

Earlier this month, 37 local volunteers conducted two days of bike counts at various locations throughout the city to identify current ridership patterns and trends. This baseline information will be critical in the development of the master plan and will help planners identify priority cycling

corridors and areas for infrastructure improvements.

Please take a moment to complete a brief online project **SURVEY**

For more information visit www.bikeville.org/masterplan

Swamp Rabbit Trail Markers

Agencies Collaborate on a new initiative for trail safety

Greenville, S.C. – The City of Greenville Parks and Recreation Department, Greenville City Police Department, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville County Recreation District and Greenville County Office of E9-1-1 have collaborated to develop an innovative emergency marker system that includes mile posts and

stencils throughout the Swamp Rabbit Trail to help greatly improve trail safety.

Swamp Rabbit Trail users will now find posts installed every half mile and a two letter code "SR" accompanied by a mile number stenciled every one-tenth of a mile.

According to Greenway and Sustainability Manager Brian Graham, the emergency system enables Swamp Rabbit Trail users to easily identify their exact location along the trail. "With this new system, trail users are never more than about 90 yards from a trail marker at anytime, meaning that 9-1-1 operators can more easily, quickly and precisely identify the location of a caller and improve response time and efficiency," said Graham.

Read the entire [news release](#).

Vote to Support the Swamp Rabbit Trail

The trail's in the running for \$250,000 to help improve and expand the county's greenway network. Here's how to help:

- Go to www.refresheverything.com
- Search for "Swamp Rabbit"
- Scroll down to the "Create transportation equality" grant and click "vote for this idea"
- OR, you can text 104074 to PEPSI (73774)
- You can vote twice every day-- once online and once via text. Plus, don't forget to remind your friends!



New 1/2 mile posts and 1/10 mile stencils.

Other News and Events

Lunchtime Greenway Bicycle Ride

Friday, Nov. 19 @ 12:00 p.m. - Greenville Zoo Entrance

Friday, Dec. 17 @ 12:00 p.m. - Gateway Park (Travelers Rest)

Join Brian Graham and Ty Houck for a bicycle ride along the Swamp Rabbit Trail. This is a great opportunity to get out of the office, enjoy some fresh air and get some exercise on a Friday afternoon. All level of bicyclists are encouraged to attend - the pace will be easy and no one will be left behind. We typically ride for about 30 minutes, but a longer ride may be available for those who don't need to make it back to the office in such a timely manner. All participants are encouraged to wear a helmet. All rides are rain or shine, heat & humidity or temperatures near freezing, so please dress accordingly.

Swamp Rabbit Trail Closures and Detours

Because of construction activities in two separate locations you may encounter delays, detours or be required to 'share the trail' more than usual. As noted above, the crews are working hard to prepare the area near McDaniel Avenue for the delivery of the new bike/ped bridge. Some of this work, including upgrades underneath McDaniel Avenue, will require the trail to be periodically closed. Safe detour routes are signed, allowing trail users to utilize alternate trails, sidewalks and bicycle lanes to detour closed trail sections.

Additionally, the City contractors will soon be working near S. Hudson St. and the new A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School to replace soils adjacent to the trail as part of a Brownfield remediation project. During a three/four day period over the course of the next several weeks the trail will be partially blocked. The trail will still be accessible, albeit temporarily narrowed, so please use extra caution on this section of greenway. Share the trail!

Visit www.bikeville.org or the City's Trails & Greenways Website for additional resources and information.



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